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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF,

FOREIGN MINISTRY ENERGY EXPERT KRUSE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE CONCERNING GISCARD'S PROPOSAL FOR AN OIL PRODUCER-CONSUMER MEETING: (1) THE FRG AGREES WITH GISCARD THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE ENERGY CRISIS LIES IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION; (2) IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS THE MEMBERS OF THE ECG HAVE CONSISTENTLY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH COOPERATION; (3) ANY PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE MUST BE EXTREMELY CAREFULLY PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME; AND (4) THE FRG WELCOMES THE FRENCH DECISION NOT TO BLOCK AN OECD DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY.

2. KRUSE COMMENTED THAT PRESS SPOKESMAN BOELLING'S STATEMENT HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE IMPLIED THAT WHILE THE FOREIGN OFFICE COULD NOT DISAVOW THE GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN, THE STATEMENT WOULD HAVE TAKEN A DIFFERENT FORM HAD THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD A CHANCE TO CLEAR IT BEFORE IT WAS ISSUED.

3. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ENERGY KITTEL EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION AT GISCARD'S PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE FOUND IT INCONSISTENT OF THE FRENCH NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE IEP AND THEN TO TURN AROUND AND SUGGEST A PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE WHICH WAS ONE OF THE AREAS OF IEP CONCERN. HILLENBRAND

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